

**SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT OF 2000**  
**PUBLIC LAW 106-393**  
**TITLE II PROJECT SUBMISSION FORM**  
**USDA FOREST SERVICE**

**Name of Resource Advisory Committee:**  
**Project Number** (Assigned by Designated Federal Official):  
**Funding Fiscal Year(s):**

<b>2. Project Name:</b> Chippewa NF Permanent Wildlife Opening Maintenance	<b>3a. State:</b> MN <b>3b. County(s):</b> Beltrami, Itasca, Cass
<b>4. Project Submitted By:</b> MDHA	<b>5. Date:</b> August 29, 2016
<b>6. Contact Phone Number:</b> 218-327-1103	<b>7. Contact E-mail:</b> jenny@mndeerhunters.com

<b>8. Project Location:</b> Permanent openings located on Chippewa NF lands in Beltrami, Cass and Itasca Counties.	
a. National Forest(s): Chippewa	b. Forest Service District: Deer River, Blackduck
c. Location (Township-Range-Section) T149, R26W, Sec 25; T149N, R25W, Secs 32,34; T148, R29W, Secs 27,30,32,33,34,35; T148N, R29W, Sec 3; T149, R30W, Sec 23,24,25,26; T148N, R30W, Secs 2,11,13,14,23,25,35; T147N, R30W, Secs 1,2,11,23,25,36; T146N, R30W, Secs 1,2; T59N, R27W, Secs 12,23,26,27; T148N, R25W, Secs 1,4,5,6,7,17,19,20,26,30; T147N, R25W, Secs 1,3,4,8,9,13; ; T143N, R25W, Secs 6,7,18,19,31; T143N, R26W, Secs 12,23,24,26; T141N, R26W, Secs 10,19; T141N, R27W, Secs 14,15; T59N, R26W, Sec 8; T60N, R27W, Secs 1,22,34.	

<b>9. Project Goals and Objectives:</b> Maintain and improve about 370 acres as wildlife openings to provide key habitat components for white-tailed deer and other species , and to maintain hunting and wildlife viewing opportunities for forest users.
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<b>10. Project Description:</b> a. Brief: ( <i>in one sentence</i> ) Maintain and improve about 167 forest wildlife openings totaling about 370 acres across the Chippewa NF.  b. Detailed: Chippewa NF permanent wildlife openings range in size from 1 to about 16 acres. The Chippewa NF Forest Plan directs us to maintain an appropriate amount of forest openings to provide habitat for game species (i.e. white-tailed deer and woodcock) and to maintain hunting and wildlife viewing opportunities for Forest users. The wildlife openings proposed for treatment have become overgrown with brush such as alder, willows, hazelnut, and scattered sapling trees such as aspen, birch, and balsam fir. In order to set back succession to the upland grass/forbs stage preferred by woodcock, we propose to mow the openings with a hydro-axe or forestry mulcher to remove the brush. Mowing treatment would begin in early summer continue through to early fall. Local contractors will be responsible for mowing the openings and will be supervised by MN DNR personnel in cooperation with Chippewa NF staff. Contractors will be selected through the bidding process, with the lowest bidder awarded the contract. See attached maps for locations of openings.
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<b>11. Types of Lands Involved? Forest lands with wildlife openings</b>
State/Private/Other lands involved? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Land Status:</b>
If Yes, specify:

<b>12. How does the proposed project meet purposes of the Legislation?</b> (Check at least 1)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improves maintenance of existing infrastructure.
<input type="checkbox"/> Implements stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restores and improves land health.
<input type="checkbox"/> Restores water quality

<b>13. Project Type</b>	
a. Check all that apply: (check at least 1)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Road Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail Maintenance
<input type="checkbox"/> Road Decommission/Obliteration	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail Obliteration
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify): Permanent Wildlife Opening Maintenance	
<input type="checkbox"/> Soil Productivity Improvement	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest Health Improvement
<input type="checkbox"/> Watershed Restoration & Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Habitat Restoration
<input type="checkbox"/> Fish Habitat Restoration	<input type="checkbox"/> Control of Noxious Weeds
<input type="checkbox"/> Reestablish Native Species	<input type="checkbox"/> Fuels Management/Fire Prevention
<input type="checkbox"/> Implement CWPP Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Project Type (specify):
b. Primary Purpose (select only 1):	

<b>14. Identify What the Project Will Accomplish</b>
Miles of road maintained:
Miles of road decommissioned/obliterated:
Number of structures maintained/improved:
Acres of soil productivity improved:
Miles of stream/river restored/improved:
Miles of fish habitat restored/improved:
Acres of native species reestablished:
Miles of trail maintained:

Miles of trail obliterated:
Acres of forest health improved (including fuels reduction):
Acres of rangeland improved:
Acres of wildlife habitat restored/improved: <b>370 acres</b>
Acres of noxious weeds controlled:
Timber volume generated:
Jobs generated in full time equivalents (FTE) to nearest tenth. One FTE is 52 forty hour weeks: .4 FTE
People reached (for environmental education projects/fire prevention):
Direct economic activity benefit: This project will continue to enhance hunting and wildlife view opportunities on the Forest.
Other:

<b>15. Estimated Project Start Date:</b> <b>December 1, 2017</b>	<b>16. Estimated Project Completion Date: June 30, 2021</b>
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**17. List known partnerships or collaborative opportunities. Minnesota DNR, Minnesota Deer Hunters Assoc.**

**18. Identify benefits to communities.**

Maintaining local permanent wildlife openings could potentially provide increased recreational opportunities including:

- Increase in hunting opportunities
- Increase in wildlife viewing opportunities, especially songbirds, deer and other mammals

**19. How does the project benefit federal lands/resources?**

This project will promote habitat diversity and key habitat components within a forested area for numerous birds and mammals.

<b>20. What is the Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment?</b> (check at least 1)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Workforce
<input type="checkbox"/> County Workforce	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers
<input type="checkbox"/> Grant	<input type="checkbox"/> Agreement
<input type="checkbox"/> AmeriCorps	<input type="checkbox"/> YCC/CCC Crews
<input type="checkbox"/> Job Corps	<input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship Contract
<input type="checkbox"/> Merchantable Timber Pilot	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):MN DNR Personnel

**21. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Materials?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

<b>22. Anticipated Project Costs \$ 88,000</b>
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a. Title II Funds Requested: \$ 10,000
b. Is this a multi-year funding request? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**23. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding:**

**24. Monitoring Plan (provide as attachment)**

- a. Provide a plan that describes your process for tracking and explaining the effects of this project on your environmental and community goals outlined above.
- b. Identify who will conduct the monitoring: Forest and District Wildlife Biologists.
- c. Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Worksheet 1, Item k):

**25. Identify remedies for failure to comply with the terms of the agreement.**

If project cannot be completed under the terms of this agreement:

- ☒ Unused funds will be returned to the RAC account.
- ☐ Other, please explain:

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**Project Recommended By:**

*/s/ (INSERT Signature)*  
**Chairperson**

Resource Advisory Committee

**Project Approved By:**

*/s/ (INSERT Signature)*  
**Forest Supervisor**

National Forest

# Project Cost Analysis Worksheet

## Worksheet 1

Please submit this worksheet with your proposal

Item	Column A Fed. Agency Appropriated Contribution	Column B Requested Title II Contribution	Column C Other Contributions	Column D Total Available Funds
a. Field Work & Site Surveys	\$1,000			\$1,000
b. NEPA/CEQA	\$1,500			\$1,500
c. ESA Consultation				
d. Permit Acquisition				
e. Project Design & Engineering				
f. Contract/Grant Preparation	\$1,000		\$1,000	\$2,000
g. Contract/Grant Administration				
h. Contract/Grant Cost		\$10,000	\$60,000	\$70,000
i. Salaries				
j. Materials & Supplies				
k. Monitoring	\$1,000			\$1,000
l. Other 2. Partner Indirect Cost			\$12,500(DNR Salary Costs)	\$12,500
m. Project Sub-Total	\$4,500	\$10,000	\$73,500	\$88,000
n. FS Indirect Costs (5% overhead)				
<b>Total Cost Estimate</b>	<b>\$4,500</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$73,500</b>	<b>\$88,000</b>

### NOTES:

- a. Pre-NEPA Costs
- g. Includes Contracting/Grant Officer Representative (COR) costs. Excludes Contracting/Grant Officer costs.
- i. Cost of implementing project
- l. Examples include overhead charges from other partners, vehicles, equipment rentals, travel, etc.
- n. Forest Service indirect costs, including contracting/grant officer costs if needed.

## CNF Permanent Wildlife Opening Maintenance Project Monitoring Plan

<b>Monitoring Objective 1: Maintain and improve wildlife openings to provide habitat components for whitetailed deer and woodcock</b>	
Objective Target	Successfully maintaining wildlife openings in an early seral condition
Variables being measured	Change in vegetation condition
Methods	Photopoints
Schedule for monitoring visits	Pretreatment, 1 yr. after treatment (2011)

### Monitoring Objective 1

A permanent photopoint will be established at select wildlife opening. Photopoints will be established prior to treatment and pre-treatment photos will be taken. Photos will then be taken 1 year after treatment.

The photos will be used to visually show the change in vegetative condition in each wildlife opening.

The photopoints will be established by the district wildlife biologist. Subsequent visits to collect data will be completed by the district wildlife biologist or technician.

<b>Monitoring Objective 2: Maintain diverse hunting and wildlife viewing opportunities</b>	
Objective Target	Successfully maintaining diverse hunting and wildlife viewing opportunities
Variables being measured	Acres of wildlife openings maintain in an early seral condition
Methods	Annual inventory of the acreage of wildlife openings maintained
Schedule for monitoring	Once a year, the total acres of wildlife openings maintained will be summarized for the Forest.

### Monitoring Objective 2

On an annual basis, the total acres of wildlife openings maintained will be summarized. This will include data such as: acres maintained/district, acres/treatment type, etc.

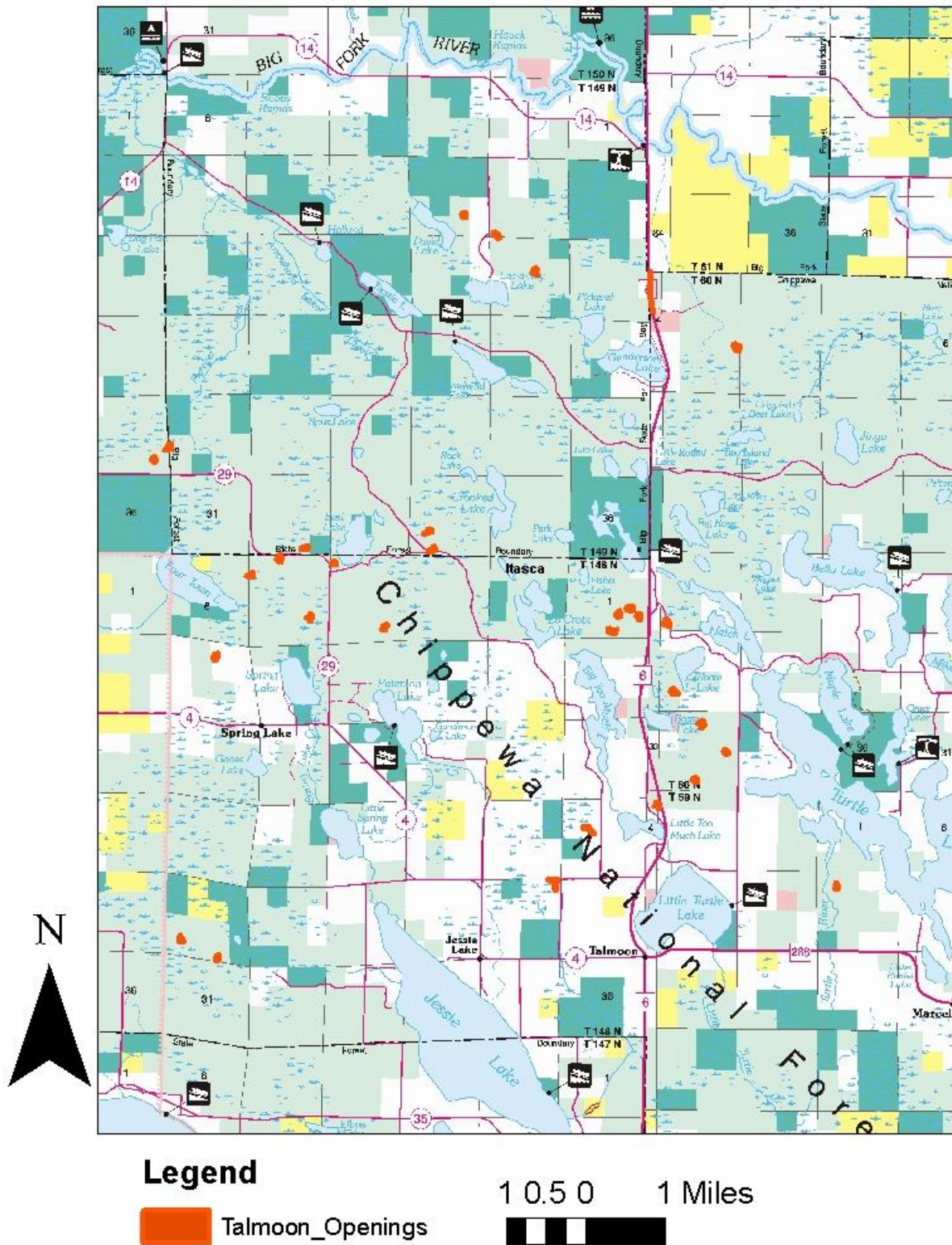
The data collected represents the amount of wildlife habitat maintained in an early seral condition, which will represent one key wildlife habitat component for maintaining diverse hunting and wildlife viewing opportunities.

This data will be summarized by the Forest wildlife biologist.

### Funding

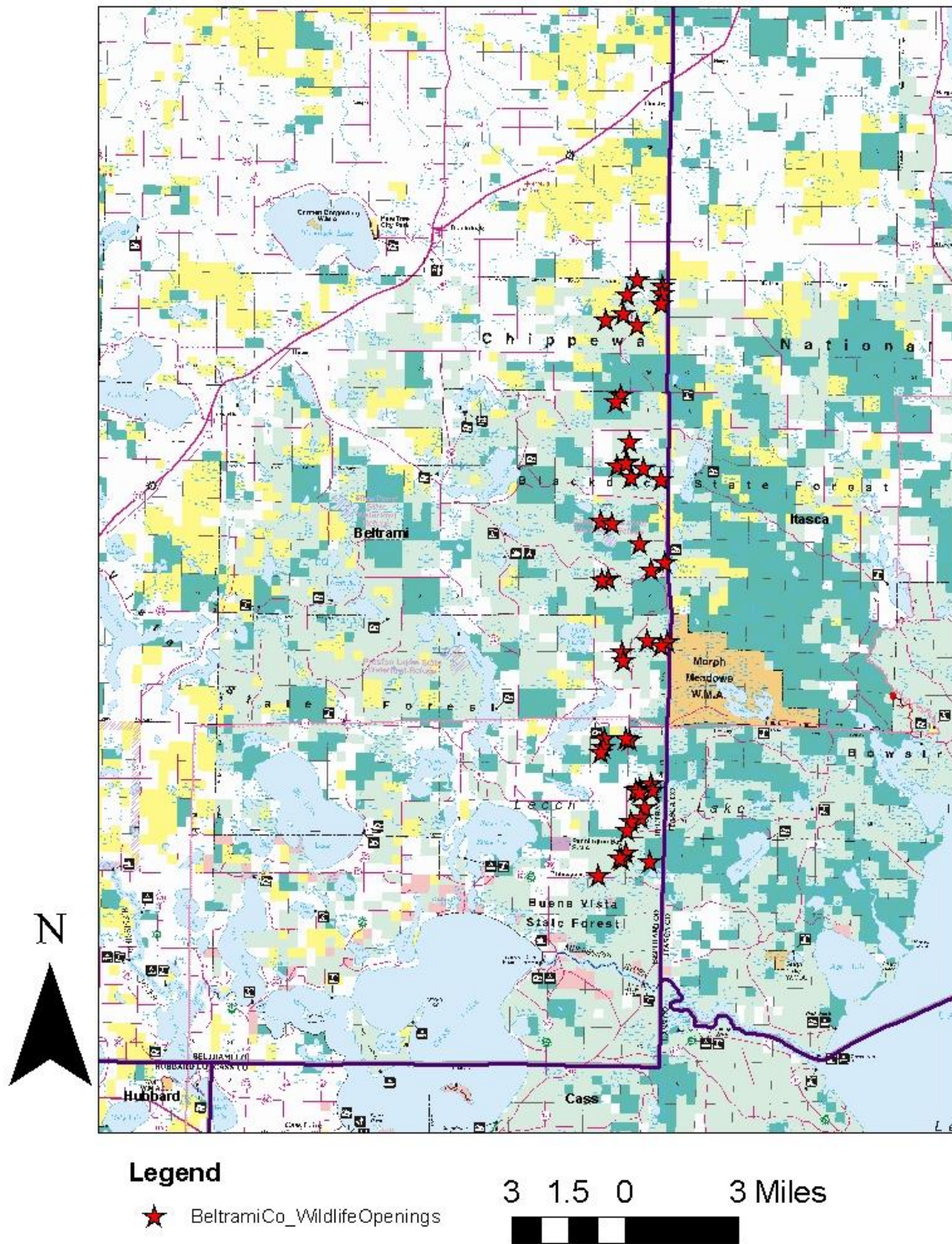
No Title II funding is requested for collecting monitoring information.

## Talmoon Wildlife Openings



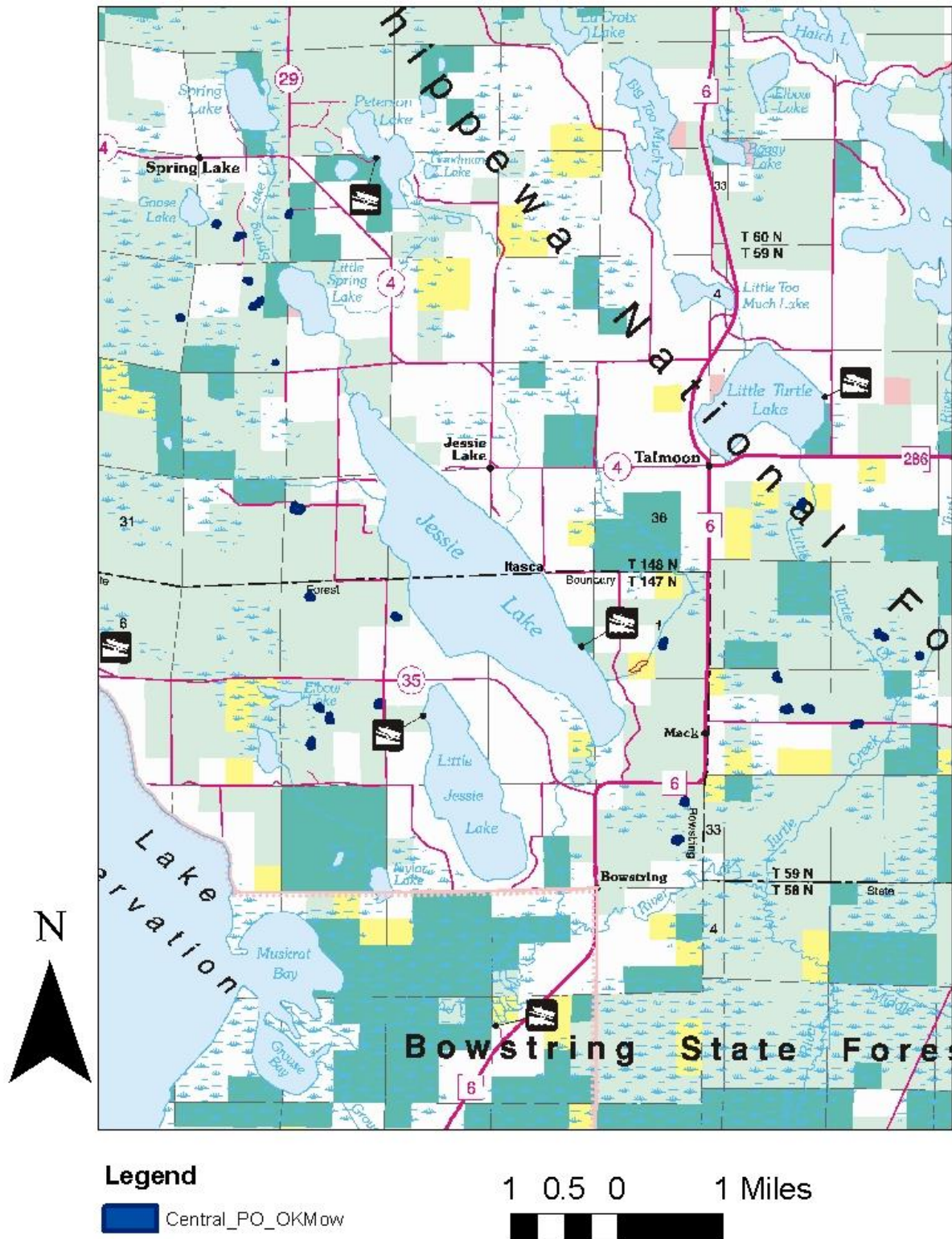


# Beltrami County Wildlife Openings



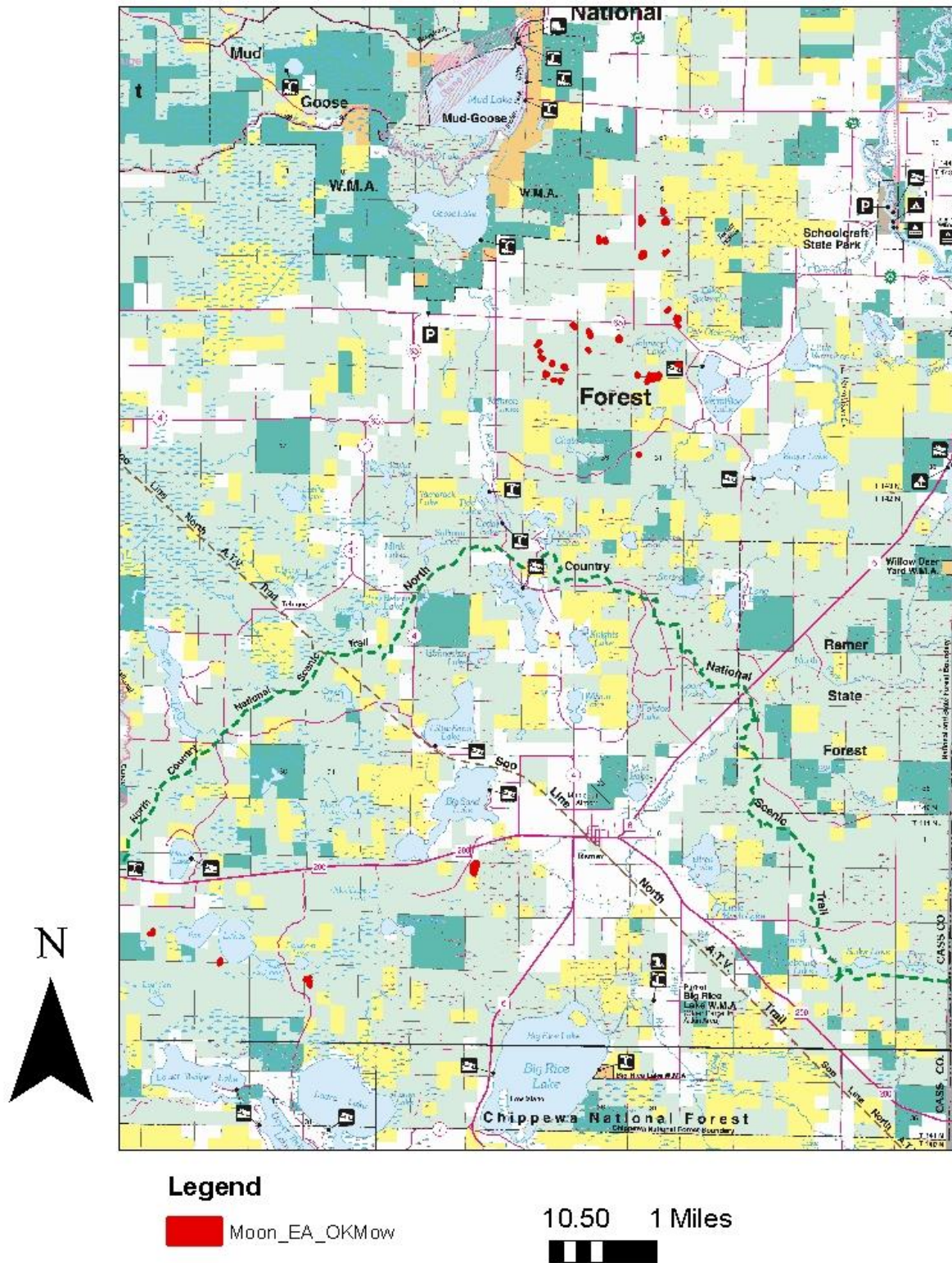


## Central EA Wildlife Openings





# Moon EA Wildlife Opneings



## NW Itasca County Wildlife Openings

